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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED  
UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Docket Number (Optional)  
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First named inventor: **Michael W. Beach**

Application No.: **09/244,304**

Art Unit: **3624**

Filed: **02/03/1999**

Examiner: **G. R. Akers**

Title: **Preprocessor System and Method for Rejection  
of Duplicate Invoices**

Attention: Office of Petitions  
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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee --required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

Small entity-fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Other than small entity - fee \$ 1300 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in  
the form of CPA Request (identify type of reply):

has been filed previously on May 29, 2002.  
 is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ | 05/16/2003 SLUANG1 00000040 09244304

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Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

## 4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE. The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D))].

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Applicant : M. W. Beach, et al.

Serial No. : 09/244,304  
Filed : 3 Feb 1999

Examiner : G. Akers  
Group : 3624

Entitled : Preprocessor System and Method for Rejection  
of Duplicate Invoices

Docket No. : END919980071US1 (aka EN998071)

**Statement Establishing Unintentional Delay Under 37 CFR  
1.137(b) and  
Statement Regarding Treatment of CPA Request**

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Sir:

1. (a) On information and belief, the DECISION ON PETITION mailed in the above identified application in response to applicants petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a), filed May 29, 2002, to revive the above-identified application was correctly addressed to, but not received by, the undersigned.

(b) Applicant has examined his docket file and time log and found no reference to nor copy of the DECISION ON PETITION, or the like, prior to May 8, 2003.

(b) Further, on information and belief, the client IBM file for the above application has been checked and no such copy

or reference found.

- (c) All correspondence received from the USPTO with respect to any application pending before the USPTO has been and is opened by the undersigned, copied for his application files, and the original forwarded to the client IBM.
2. A Status Request was filed to inquire as to the status of examination of the above identified application on May 1, 2003, almost a year having elapsed since the filing of the above petition.
  3. A response to the Status Request including a copy of the DECISION ON PETITION dismissing the petition mailed on August 23, 2002 was received by the undersigned by facsimile transmission on May 8, 2003.
  4. The attached Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is filed within one week of the response to the above Status Request.
  5. The request for continued prosecution application (CPA) filed May 29, 2002 in the above identified application is to be treated as a request for continued examination (RCE) of this application under 37 CFR 1.114 in this petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

Sincerely,

  
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